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4.	Vanchinad Hospital, Pongummood, Trivandrum	4.	ADS Scan & Hospital Limited, Near Medical College, Trivandrum.
5.	G.G. Hospital, Pattom, Trivandrum	5.	Diagnostic Service, Near Medical College, Trivandrum.
6.	S.P. Fort Hospital, Fort, Trivandrum.		
7.	Jubilee Memorial Hospital, Meads Lane, Palayam, Trivandrum.		
8.	Chaithanya Eye Hospital & Reserach Institute, Kesavadasapuram, Trivandrum.		

Poor condition of Cardiology Department in RML Hospital

3169. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the poor condition of Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital's Cardiology Department;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that senior doctors of the department in the hospital have left and no other senior doctor has been posted in their place; and

(c) the steps taken to improve the condition of the hospital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) to (c) A full fledged Cardiology Department is in existence in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital. However, presently 2 doctors are working in cardiology Department against the sanctioned strength of 7 doctors. Steps are being taken to fill up the vacant posts.

Clinical trials of AIDSVAX vaccine

3170. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that after completion of phase-III clinical trials AIDSVAX vaccine has failed in its primary goal of demonstrating its efficacy to prevent HIV infection;

(b) if so, the details of the project; and

(c) what steps NACO is taking in regard to prevention and control of AIDS in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An American pharmaceutical company, Vaxgen is in the final stages of testing an "AIDS VAX" vaccine, which is gp 120 sub-unit HIV 1 sub-type B vaccine. The Phase III clinical trials for the vaccine have been completed. The analysis of the results demonstrates a reduction of only 3.8% of the infection among the entire sample of 5009 volunteers.

(c) In order to prevent and control the spread of HIV/AIDS in India, Govt. of India has launched a comprehensive National AIDS Control Programme, currently under implementation throughout the country as a centrally sponsored scheme with the following components :—

- Preventive interventions for high risk populations through targeted interventions adpoting a multi-pronged strategy including peer counseling and behaviour change communication.
- Preventive interventions for the general population through programmes for blood safety, voluntary counselling and testing services, information education and communication (IEC) & awareness building among adolescents and sensitization for the AIDS Vaccine Initiative.

  Provision of low cost care and support services by providing community care services, treatment of opportunistic infections and prevention of occupational exposure.
- Collaborative efforts to promote inter-sectoral programme activities including workplace interventions and public-private partnerships.
- Building technical and managerial capacities for programme implementation through Surveillance, Training, Monitoring and Evaluation, Technical resource groups, operational research and Programme management.

Consumption of Schedule-H drugs

3171. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the list of Schedule-H drugs alongwith its consumption during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the norms laid down for the restricted use of these drugs;

(c) whether there is an abnormal increase of consumption in certain parts of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and